

House Resolution No. 1188

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who admirably answered the patriotic call to national service through enlistment in any of the branches that make up the United States armed forces; and

Whereas, Donald Patrick Murray of Saint Robert, Missouri, has attained considerable distinction as a Master Sergeant in the United States Army, a leadership calling that he will draw to a close on May 31, 2008, in well-deserved retirement after twenty-five years of military service; and

Whereas, the Senior Topographic Combat Developer at the Maneuver Support Center at Fort Leonard Wood, Donald Murray joined the Army in 1983 as an offset pressman (MOS 83F) and received Advanced Individual Training at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, before being assigned to the field printing plant at Fort Gordon, Georgia; and

Whereas, Donald Murray subsequently was stationed at Field Station Augsburg in Germany; the White House Communications Agency in Washington, DC; the 100th Engineer Company at Fort Bragg, North Carolina; the 30th Engineer Battalion, where he assisted in the development of the High Volume Map Printer system that replaced regular printing presses; and the 320th Engineer Company in Hanau, Germany;

Whereas, while a member of the White House Communications Agency, Donald Murray served under Presidents Reagan, Bush, and Clinton with temporary assignments to twenty-nine states, fourteen countries, and six continents; and

Whereas, Donald Murray also served with the Bright Star '99 exercise in Egypt, deployed to Kuwait, and entered Iraq for operations from the city of Balad; and

Whereas, the beloved husband of Cecilia Murray, Donald Murray is justifiably proud also to be known as the recipient of the Bronze Star, a Defense Meritorious Service Medal, a Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Army Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster, an NCO Professional Development Ribbon with numeral 3, the Presidential Service Badge, and a bronze German Marksmanship award:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to salute Master Sergeant Donald Murray and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes as he partakes of the special opportunities and pleasures traditionally associated with the golden years of retirement; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Donald Patrick Murray of Saint Robert, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative David Day
District No. 148

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1188, adopted March 25, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker